

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No.: 05-361)

In re the Application of:)
Habermann et al.) Group Art Unit: 1645)
Serial No.: 10/076,634) Examiner: Duffy, P.A.
Filed: February 19, 2002))
For: Fusion Proteins capable of being secreted into a fermentation medium	,))

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED AUGUST 25, 2005

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following Amendment and Response to the Final Office action, dated August 25, 2005. A Petition for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time and associated fee (\$1,020) as well as a Request for Continuing Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and associated fee (\$790.00) are included herewith. Accordingly, a Response is timely filed on February 25, 2005, or the next business day. Since February 25 is a Saturday a response is timely filed Monday, February 27, 2006.

Applicants believe no fees other than those detailed above are due; however if additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees, as well as credit overpayment and debit underpayment to our Deposit Account 13-2490.

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